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REPLY UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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PATENT
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroyuki SHIMIZU et al. Conf.: 7526
Appl. No.: 09/530,013 Group: 1623
Filed: April 24, 2000 Examiner: R. Gitomer

For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION
OF NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES COMPRISING
CONTAINERS MADE OF OR COATED WITH
MATERIALS INHIBITING THE ACTIVATION OF
SUBSTANCES DEGRADING THEM (AS AMENDED)

REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 28, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated November 30, 2001,
the due date for reply being February 28, 2002, the following
amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection
with the above-identified application.